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SUBJ: DEFINITION OF AGRESSION COMMITTEE: WG MEETINGS, MAY 7-8

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: SIX- POWER GROUP UNABLE AGREE ON APPROACH TO LEGAL USES OF FORCE PROBLEM. WG COMPLETED " FIRST READING" LAST YEAR' S WG REPORT AND ESTABLISHED TWO MORE " CONTACT GROUPS" TO NEGOTIATE RE MAJOR ISSUES BEFORE COMMITTEE. END SUMMARY.

2. AT SIX- POWER MEETING JUST PRIOR WG MEETING PM MAY 7, WE EXPLAINED OUR INSTRUCTIONS ON LEGAL USES OF FORCE PER STATE 85361. GROUP REAFFIRMED VIEW THAT THIS APPROACH WOULD NOT ACHIEVE DESIRED OBJECTIVE OF MEETING EXPRESSED CONCERN OF NON- ALIGNED RE INDIRECT USES OF FORCE. CANADIAN REP WAS PARTICULARLY EMPHATIC ON THIS POINT AND REPORTED THAT OTTAWA HAD REACTED ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO GENERAL APPROACH DISCUSSED EARLIER IN GROUP OF SIX (GENEVA 2033). UK REP TOLD US UK WOULD HAVE TROUBLE WITH " IN MANNER" WORDING SINCE IT SEEMED TO LIMIT QUALITATIVELY THE TYPE OF RESPONSE THAT MIGHT BE USED IN SELF- DEFENSE, WHEREAS " REASONABLY NECESSARY" LANGUAGE AVOIDED THIS PROBLEM.

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3. CHAIRMAN OPENED WG MEETING MAY 7 WITH REPORT ON PROGRESS MADE IN " CONTACT GROUP" CONSIDERING " GENERAL DEFINITION". CONTACT GROUP HAS DEVELOPED SEVERAL POSSIBLE COMPROMISE FORMULATIONS OF GENERAL DEFINITION BUT HAS AGREED, LARGELY AT OUR INSTANCE, TO POSTPONE NEXT MEETING OF GROUP FOR SEVERAL DAYS TO ALLOW TIME FOR DELS TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

COMMENT: SUFFICIENT GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN STATE 86428. END COMMENT.

4. SOVS, AFTER INFORMING US JUST AHEAD OF TIME THAT THEY WERE INSTRUCTED TO DO SO, TABLED PROPOSAL RE NUCLEAR WEAPONS, REPORTED GENEVA 2051, INTENDED TO DEAL WITH " WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION" ISSUE. COMMENT: DELEGATION WILL, AS NECESSARY, STATE US OBJECTIONS TO THIS APPROACH ALONG LINES USED RE NON- USE OF FORCE ITEM AT 27 TH UNGA, UNLESS OTHER INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED. DELEGATION REPEATS REQUEST FOR GENERAL GUIDANCE CONTAINED PARA 6 GENEVA 2046. END COMMENT.

5. WG COMPLETED ITS INITIAL CONSIDERATION OF COMBINED SUBJECTS OF INDIRECT USE OF FORCE, LEGAL USES OF FORCE, AND SELF- DETERMINATION. DURING " FIRST READING" OF THESE SUBJECTS, ONLY SYRIAN REP SPOKE IN OPPOSITION TO ANY REFERENCE IN DEFINITION OF INDIRECT USE OF FORCE. OTHER NON- ALIGNED REPS DID NOT ADDRESS THEMSELVES SPECIFICALLY TO THIS POINT. MOST OF NON- ALIGNED REPS WHO SPOKE, HOWEVER, MADE CLEAR THAT THEY WOULD INSIST ON CLAUSE CLEARLY PROTECTING RIGHT OF SELF- DETERMINATION IN CONNECTION WITH INCLUSION OF REFERENCE TO INDIRECT USE OF FORCE.

6. IN AM MEETING MAY 8, WG COMPLETED RAPID " FIRST READING" OF PRIORITY AND AGGRESSIVE INTENT AND LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY. ONLY SMALL NUMBER REPS SPOKE. NON- ALIGNED REPS REPEATED FAMILIAR ARGUMENTS FOR PRIORITY AND AGAINST INTENT, THOUGH SOME (E. G. COLOMBIA) INDICATED WILLINGNESS ACCEPT LIMITED REFERENCE TO INTENT BALANCED BY PRIORITY CONCEPT.

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